

REMARKS

In response to the outstanding Office Action, Applicants hereby elect Group II (claims 11-23 and 31-47) with traverse. Groups I and II are directed to subject matter classified within the same class, namely, class 424. It would not be an undue burden upon the Examiner to conduct searches within the same class. Group I is directed to methods of immunizing animals to generate monoclonal antibodies. Group II is directed to methods of generating antibodies by immunizing animals. Thus, there is a common subject matter in Groups I and II and would not put an undue on the Examiner to search both Group I and II together. Applicants request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits and respectfully request rejoinder of Groups I and II.

Applicants were required to elect a species for examination. In response to #7 of the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect biological substrate. Claims which read on this election are: 11-21, 23, 31-36, and 38-47.

In response to #8 of the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect cells of embryonic origin. Claims which read on this election are: 11-23 and 31-47.

In response to #10 of the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect ELISA or immunoblot. Claims which read on this election are: 11-13, 16-23, 31-42, and 45-47.

Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to

charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 415072000110. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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